

Application Serial No. 09/913,708

REMARKSExaminer Interview

On December 3 and 12, 2007, Applicants' agent, Elizabeth Ruzich, conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Vo. At the interviews, the parties discussed ways to overcome the 35 USC 101 rejection. Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to speak with Applicants' agent.

35 USC 101

Claims 12, 14-17, and 19-21 are rejected under 35 USC 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claims 12 and 19 are cancelled. Claims 14-16 are amended to depend upon claim 20. Claim 17 depends upon claim 16, which depends upon claim 20.

Independent claims 20 and 21 are amended to recite that the code words are decoded "to obtain a decoded signal." As suggested by the Examiner, the claims now refer to the actual tangible signal. Thus, the claims recite the practical application of decoding code to obtain a decoded signal.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully posit that the pending claims have been distinguished from the art of record, and that the rejections of the claim has been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all claims. The Examiner is invited to please contact Applicants' agent at (650) 474-8400 should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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